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Re: 2018 Exceptional Events Demonstration for Doña Ana and Luna Counties, New Mexico

Dear Administrator McQueen:

Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 50.14(b)(5), the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) submits the enclosed 2018 Exceptional Events Demonstration (EED) developed for high wind dust events in Doña Ana and Luna Counties.

These events recur annually in these counties causing exceedances of the PM₁₀ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). These exceedance data affect the regulatory determination that Doña Ana and Luna Counties attain the NAAQS and impact the classification of the Anthony PM₁₀ nonattainment area. NMED uses the Exceptional Events Rule (40 CFR Part 50.14) to ensure that a nonattainment designation or reclassification is not applied to areas where uncontrollable emissions cause or contribute to an exceedance of the NAAQS.

If you or your staff have any questions or comments, please contact Kerwin Singleton of my staff at (505) 476-4350 or kerwin.singleton@state.nm.us.

Respectfully,

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Enc: 2018 Exceptional Events Demonstration – Doña Ana and Luna Counties, New Mexico